

Mr. President...

PRESIDENT: I will recognize you on personal privilege, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, what point do I need when I want to make a point about the house being under call and at the time you announced the vote, someone was talking to me and I got confused and I just want to tell the way it actually was. When we voted on machine I voted yes to refer those two bills to Public Works. Senator Beutler just came over here and thanked me for voting no when we had the roll call vote. And as Senator Beutler will tell you, I told him, Chris, I have to be honest with you. I did not vote with you on these two bills. I voted with Senator Schmit on the machine, but because someone was talking to me and Mr. Brown came up later and told them we were under call, he can verify that because I was being visited with at the time, when the President announced what we were voting on and which way we were voting, then I got confused. But the first time I voted I voted to refer those two bills to Public Works and I told Senator Beutler when he thought on the roll call vote that I had voted with him, that it was not my intention and I wanted Senator Schmit to know that, too. But I also want Senator Schmit to know, because I want to be honest about it, on 463 I was going to vote to put 463 back to Agriculture and I wish, Mr. President, that the Sergeant-at-Arms would enforce this rule when the house is under call so senators don't get confused as I did. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: I think you have the right to have your vote explained in the Journal if you wish, Senator. Do you wish that to be done?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Without objection, Senator Higgins' vote will be explained and the Chair would just say that on that matter of the house being under call, I didn't say it only once this time, but only authorized personnel are to be on the floor at the time and it does cause confusion and I'll try to do better on that from here on. The call of the house that has been in effect is now raised and we are ready to begin debate on LR 39 and the Chair recognizes Senator Harris.